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1. A supply depot of the Derunapht with the designation S - FL 576 (S stands for Saxony; FL for a drum in contradistinction to a tank depot, or TL) is located at Annaberg (Erzgebirge). Industrial oil for commercial plants and fuel oil are stored here. The supply of oil originates with the German Trade Central for Fuel and Oil (DEZKM) in Dresden and the branch depot in Chemnitz. The Chemnitz branch depot supplies Annaberg and Aue.
2. In the second quarter of 1953, supplies of oil to the separate industrial plants in this area have been decreased considerably; in some cases by as much as 33 percent. The Annaberg depot supplies 7,000 to 10,000 kg. of industrial oils to plants monthly. These include engine oil, spindle oil, compressor oil, turbine oil, transformer oil, and idling machine oil. The selling of the foregoing oils is controlled. In addition, the following oils are freely marketable, but are available only in limited quantities: cutting oil, drill oil, gear oil, and windless oil. Grease for industrial use is freely marketable and is available in greater quantities than there are outlets.
3. There is also a gasoline supply depot of the Derunapht in Annaberg, near the railway station. It is designated S-TL 508. Between 160,000 and 180,000 liters of gasoline and about 60,000 liters of diesel oil are stored there.
4. There is another independent tank depot in Wiesa which delivers only to the Wismut AG and which has a capacity of 400,000 to 500,000 liters of gasoline. The Russian experimental stations at Annaberg and Schwarzenberg are supplied with propellant from here. The sector of Kreis Annaberg not attached to Wismut AG has a monthly gasoline consumption between 100,000 and 180,000 liters.
5. There appears to be a trend toward hoarding gasoline. More gasoline is delivered to the depots than is delivered from them. The shortage of diesel oil is a bottleneck, as heretofore.

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6. Allotments of fuel oil have been curtailed by up to 33 percent, because of a slowdown in production caused by shortages of raw chemicals. Heavy industrial plants are favored in the distribution, such as the Formabau-Werk in Mittelfrohna¹ which supplies castings for IFA works.
7. The Annaberg depot is supplied with oil by the Goelzau, Webau near Weissenfels, Koepsen, Schwarzhöhe, and Rositz plants. Goelzau produces monthly about 120 tons of slushing oil; it also supplies 100 tons of fuel oil monthly to Magdeburg. Webau supplies impregnating oil. Koepsen supplies fuel oil and creosote; Schwarzhöhe and Rositz, fuel oil; the oils from these three plants are of inferior quality.
8. The fuel oil requirements of the Annaberg depot are about 200 tons per month, with which it has to supply the Kreise Annaberg and Schwarzenberg, and parts of Aue and Zschopau. Some of the plants which require fuel oil for their high temperature processes are: the Flaschengasgeraete firm in Elterlein (Erzgebirge);² which makes propane gas containers for export to the USSR; the light metal foundry at Mittelfrohna¹; the WMW Esem Werkzeugfabrik, Schwarzenberg (Erzgebirge), which manufactures fenders for EMW Eisenach; Nagema Blechbearbeitungsmaschinen Aue VEB, which exports machine tools; ERMETO Rohrverschraubung GmbH, Marienberg (Saxony), which manufactures threaded pipe-joints; and the ERMETO branch plant, Metallwerke Zieblitz, which uses cutting oil, the consumption of which has increased astonishingly since 1951.

1. [] Comment: Not further identified [] possibly identical with Metallwarenfabrik Oberfrohna, formerly M. Herrmann and Soehne, located in Oberfrohna 5 km. from Mittelfrohna. 25X1

2. [] Comment: Probably VEB Eisenwerk Elterlein VVB GUS.

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